STATE (OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	
ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION) Docket No. 00-02338 01 Ga
Petition for initiation of an investigation of the necessity of and the establishment of a Universal Service Support Fund in accordance with Section 13-301(d) of the Public Utilities Act))))
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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION On Its Own Motion))
) Docket No. 00-0335
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NOTICE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AND PARTIES CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATE AFFORDABLE RATE

Section 13-301(d) of the Public Utilities

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. (collectively "Verizon"), through its attorneys, hereby submits to the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") this Notice to the Administrative Law Judge and Parties Concerning The Appropriate Affordable Rate (the "Notice").

- 1. On October 31, 2001, the Commission granted rehearing in this matter to address certain issues, including the issue of the appropriate affordable rate for the members of the Illinois Independent Telephone Association ("IITA").
- 2. Subsequent to the granting of rehearing, a status hearing was held on November 5, 2001. At said status hearing, a discussion of the issues to be addressed during rehearing was held. There, Verizon stated its position that the appropriate affordable rate was the \$22.23 figure set forth in the Second Interim Order entered by the Commission.

- 3. It remains Verizon's position that the minimum affordable rate should be set at an amount no less than the rate its similarly situated customers must pay. For purposes of this proceeding, Verizon now has no objection to the use of the \$20.39 figure as discussed in the IITA's Brief on Exceptions.
- 4. Consequently, should the HTA propose an affordable rate of \$20.39 in its testimony, Verizon will have no objection and will not be filing testimony to rebut such a proposal.

Dated: November 21, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

VERIZON NORTH INC. AND VERIZON SOUTH INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John E. Rooney, hereby certify that I served a copy of the Notice To The

Administrative Law Judge And Parties Concerning The Appropriate Affordable Rate filed by

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. upon the service list in Docket Nos. 00-0233/0335 on

November 21, 2001, by email.

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